

ATTACHMENT 1: FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

Case Nos. 21ORD-00000-00001, 21ORD-00000-00002, and 21ORD-00000-00003

1.0 CEQA FINDINGS

- 1.1 Case No. 21ORD-00000-00001.** The Santa Barbara County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) finds that the proposed amendment to the County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) (Case No. 21ORD-00000-00001), is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- 1.2 Case No. 21ORD-00000-00002.** The Board finds that the proposed amendment to the Montecito Land Use and Development Code (MLUDC) (Case No. 21ORD-00000-00002), is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- 1.3 Case No. 21ORD-00000-00003.** The Board finds that the proposed amendment to Article II, the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (CZO) (Case No. 21ORD-00000-00003), is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15265.

Please see the Notice of Exemption (Attachment 2, incorporated by reference) for more information.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

In compliance with LUDC Section 35.104.060.A, MLUDC Section 35.494.060, and CZO Section 35-180.6, the following findings shall be adopted by the Board in order to approve a text amendment to the CZO, LUDC, and MLUDC:

2.1 **The request is in the interests of the general community welfare.**

The Board finds that the proposed amendments are in the interest of the general community welfare since the amendments will revise the LUDC, MLUDC, and CZO to: (1) provide clarifications and revisions to existing development standards and criteria related to State Density Law to be consistent with Government Code (GC) Sections 65915-65918; (2) implement GC Sections 65660-65668 to help create permanent solutions for the County's homeless population through streamlining the development of low barrier navigation centers; (3) be consistent with GC Sections 65650-65656 and 65583(c)(3) in establishing ministerial permitting for supportive housing developments in the County; (4) be in compliance with GC Sections 65582.1 and 65913.4 by establishing or modifying objective design standards for applicable multiple-unit and mixed-use housing projects; and (5) to revise the LUDC and MLUDC to establish or modify a streamlined application review process for qualifying housing in compliance with GC Sections 65582.1 and 65913.4. The proposed amendments provide clear and efficient streamlined permit processes that will benefit the public, and will provide support for more development of housing for low-income, moderate-income, and special needs housing groups.

2.2 **LUDC: The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the requirements of the state planning and zoning laws, and this Development Code [LUDC].**

MLUDC: The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the requirements of the state planning and zoning laws, and this Development Code [MLUDC].

CZO: The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the Coastal Land Use Plan, the requirements of state planning and zoning laws and this Article [Article II, the CZO].

The Board finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, Coastal Land Use Plan (CLUP), LUDC, CZO, and MLUDC because they implement Program 16 (Reduction of Governmental Constraints) and Program 13 (Density Bonus Provisions), and support implementation of Program 8 (Housing for the Homeless) and Program 9 (Sites for Emergency Shelters), of the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update. In addition, the proposed amendments update the zoning ordinances to be consistent with state law. The proposed ordinance amendments are also consistent with the remaining portions of the LUDC, CZO, and MLUDC that would not be revised by these ordinance amendments. Therefore, and as discussed further in Section 6.0 and Section 7.0 of the Montecito Planning Commission Staff Report, dated December 12, 2023 and the County Planning Commission Staff Report, dated January 2, 2024, both incorporated herein by reference, these ordinance amendments are consistent with the CLUP and the Comprehensive Plan, including applicable community and area plans, the requirements of state planning and zoning Laws, the LUDC, MLUDC, and CZO.

2.3 The request is consistent with good zoning and planning practices.

The Board finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with good zoning and planning practices to regulate land uses for the overall protection of the environment and community values since they will revise the LUDC, CZO, and MLUDC to be consistent with state regulations regarding streamlined permitting of supportive housing and low barrier navigation centers, provide clear and efficient permit processes for qualifying housing, establish objective design standards for multiple unit, mixed-use, and supportive housing developments, and support the development of affordable and senior housing through State Density Bonus Law provisions. As discussed in Finding 2.2, above, the proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including applicable community and area plans, CLUP, LUDC, CZO, and MLUDC.